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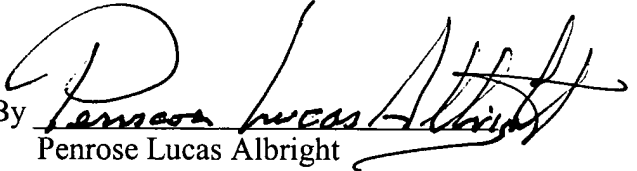
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1. U.S. Patent No. 4,295,687, which issued October 20, 1981, to James Becker et al, is directed to an electric brake system. Particular attention is invited to the embodiments shown in Figure 2 wherein the brake pedal 10 includes a brake pedal transducer assembly 21 that develops an input signal in accordance with the amount of foot pedal effort exerted by the towing vehicle operator. This input is supplied to a controller 14 which serves the same function as an input signal as shown in the Figure 1 embodiment. Here the control system 14 controls electric brakes 15 for at towed vehicle. The structure of transducer assembly 21 does not appear to be disclosed in the patent, as such.

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